THE MFA HAD PUBLISHED A NOTICE TO DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS CAUTIONING AGAINST THE PARTICIPATION OF DIPLOMATIC

2.—(C)—COMMENT: THIS NON-FRATERNIZATION ORDER IS DIRECTED AT THE SOVIETS AND AFGHANS. THE GOP WAS PARTICULARLY MIFFED AT THE WIDELY PUBLICIZED PRESENCE OF THE KARACHI AFGHAN CONSUL GENERAL AT THE JULY 26

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MEETING THERE AT WHICH THE NEW AWAMI NATIONAL PARTY WAS PROCLAIMED. HIS PRESENCE AND A LATER MEETING BETWEEN THE SOVIET AMBASSADOR AND ANP PRESIDENT WALI KHAN PROMPTED CONSIDERABLE PRESS SPECULATION THAT THE SOVIETS AND AFGHANS WERE BEHIND THE FORMATION OF THE ANP. THE GOP HAS LONG TRIED TO KEEP A REIN ON THE SOVIETS, BUT ISLAMABAD'S LEVERAGE IS LIMITED GIVEN ITS DESIRE NOT TO CHILL FURTHER ALREADY STRAINED RELATIONS. END COMMENT.

3. KABUL MINIMIZE CONSIDERED.

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